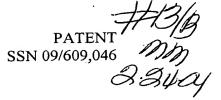
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of this application so that the Examiner may reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.